

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECONVENED CABINET MEETING OF 18
FEBRUARY 2025 HELD ON ZOOM ON FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025**

PRESENT

County Councillor MJ Dorrance (Chair)

County Councillors J Berriman, R Church, S C Davies, P Roberts, D Selby and
D A Thomas

In attendance: County Councillors B Baynham, AW Davies, B Davies, G Thomas and
A Williams

1. YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH - CONSULTATION REPORT

The Chair explained that this was a reconvened meeting of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th February which had been adjourned when the translation system had failed during the debate on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith consultation report. The Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer gave a summary of the discussion on the 18th February. The Chair of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee corrected one point, noting that the Committee had made eight and not six recommendations over the course of two meetings.

There were no declarations of interest reported.

County Councillor Bryn Davies spoke as a member in a neighbouring ward where Ysgol Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant would be a receiving school. He argued that Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would be the ideal site for a Welsh medium school to serve the eastern part of the Tanat Valley. County Councillor Aled Davies agreed that the school should be retained so that Welsh language education could be developed in the area. The Head of Transforming Education advised that it was the council's strategy to develop Welsh medium education for the area at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. In response to questions about what would happen to the school building and site, the Head of Transforming Education said there would be discussions with the community over potential future uses. She also confirmed that there had been no response from Llanfyllin High School over a suggestion to develop a classroom in the countryside at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

Having considered the representations made and the recommendations in the report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

- 1. To receive the Consultation Report in respect of the proposal to close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.**
- 2. Approved the publication of a statutory notice proposing closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the 31st of August 2025, with Powys-based pupils to transfer to their nearest alternative school in Powys.**

**County Councillor MJ Dorrance
Chair**